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**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus connected to a network to which a plurality of computers are connected to enable communication, said apparatus comprising:

a storage section which receives and stores application data  
5 from at least one of the computers together with user identification information for identifying a user of the computer;

a sheet counter section which prepares page information from said application data; and

10 a controller section which controls the apparatus to print said application data user identification information and the page information on a back front surface of a printed sheet and to print the user identification information and the page information on a back surface of the sheet, said front surface  
15 being a surface on which printing is performed during one-surface printing, and said back surface being opposite to the front surface and facing upward when the printed sheet is outputted. ~

20 ~~wherein the page information is printed on the back surface of the sheet in Y/X form, wherein X is a total number of pages in a print job, and Y is a page number of the printed sheet.~~

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2. (Original) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a setting section which stores setting information for setting whether or not to print said page information and said user identification information received from said network,

wherein the controller section judges whether or not the page information and the user identification information are to be printed on the back surface of the sheet based on the setting information stored in said setting section.

3. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said page information includes a total number of pages, and said sheet counter section uses the a number of printed sheets as the total number of pages when the application data is printed on both sides of the sheet.

4. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said page information ~~page-number of the printed sheet Y~~ is prepared by addition in order of the discharged sheets.

5. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said page information ~~page-number~~

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~~of the printed sheet~~ is prepared by subtraction from the  
a total number of pages in order of the discharged sheets.

6. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the page information and the user identification information are printed on an edge of the sheet opposite to a sheet discharge port from which the sheet is discharged.

7. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus connected to a network to which a plurality of computers are connected to enable communication, said apparatus comprising:

a storage section which receives and stores application data  
5 from at least one of the computers;

a sheet counter section which prepares page information from said application data;

an identification information storage section which stores  
respective identification information applied to each stored  
10 application data; and

a controller section which controls the apparatus to print  
~~the identification information applied to said application data~~  
on a front surface of a sheet and to print the identification  
information assigned to the application data along with the page  
15 information on a back surface of the sheet, said front surface

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~~being a surface on which printing is performed during one-surface  
printing, and said back surface being opposite to the front  
surface and facing upward when the printed sheet is  
outputted, together with said page information on a back surface  
of a printed sheet,~~

~~wherein the page information is printed on the back surface  
of the sheet in Y/X form, wherein X is a total number of pages in  
a print job, and Y is a page number of the printed sheet.~~

8. (Original) The image forming apparatus according to  
claim 7, further comprising:

a setting section which stores setting information for  
setting whether or not to print said page information received  
from said network,

wherein the controller section judges whether or not the  
page information and said identification information are to be  
printed on the back surface of the sheet based on the setting  
information stored in said setting section.

9. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus  
according to claim 7, wherein said page information includes a  
total number of pages, and said sheet counter section uses ~~the~~  
a number of printed sheets as the total number of pages when the  
application data is printed on both sides of the sheet.

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10. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said page information ~~page number~~ ~~of the printed sheet~~ ~~Y~~ is prepared by addition in order of the discharged sheets.

11. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said page information ~~page number~~ ~~of the printed sheet~~ ~~Y~~ is prepared by subtraction from the a total number of pages in order of the discharged sheets.

12. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the page information and the user identification information are printed on an edge of the sheet opposite to a sheet discharge port from which the sheet is discharged.

13. (Currently Amended) A method of operating an image forming apparatus connected to a network to which a plurality of computers are connected to enable communication, said method comprising:

5       receiving and storing application data from at least one of the computers together with user identification information for identifying a user of the computer;

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preparing page information from said application data by a  
sheet counter section; and

10 printing said application data on a front surface of a sheet  
and printing said user identification information and said page  
information on a back surface of a printed the sheet, said front  
surface being a surface on which printing is performed during  
one-surface printing, and said back surface being opposite to the  
15 front surface and facing upward when the printed sheet is  
outputted. 7

~~wherein the page information is printed on the back surface  
of the sheet in Y/X form, wherein X is a total number of pages in  
a print job, and Y is a page number of the printed sheet.~~

14. (Previously presented) The method of operating the  
image forming apparatus according to claim 13, further comprising  
judging whether or not said page information and the user  
identification information are to be printed based on setting  
5 information, stored in a setting section, for setting whether or  
not to print said page information and said user identification  
information received from said network.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of operating the image  
forming apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said page  
information includes a total number of pages, and said sheet

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5 counter section uses ~~the~~ a number of printed sheets as the total number of pages when the application data is printed on both sides of the sheet.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of operating the image forming apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said page information ~~page number of the printed sheet Y~~ is prepared by addition in order of the discharged sheets.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of operating the image forming apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said page information ~~page number of the printed sheet Y~~ is prepared by subtraction from the total number of pages in order of the discharged sheets.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of operating the image forming apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the page information and the user identification information are printed on an edge of the sheet opposite to a sheet discharge port from which the sheet is discharged.

19. (Currently Amended) A method of operating an image forming apparatus connected to a network to which a plurality of

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computers are connected in order to enable communication,  
comprising:

5 receiving and storing application data from at least one  
of the computers;

preparing page information from said application data by a  
sheet counter section;

applying respective identification information to each  
10 stored application data from an identification information  
storage section which stores the identification information; and

printing ~~the identification information applied to said~~  
application data on a front surface of a sheet and printing the  
identification information associated with the application data,  
15 together with said page information, on a back surface of a  
~~printed the sheet, said front surface being a surface on which~~  
printing is performed during one-surface printing, and said back  
surface being opposite to the front surface and facing upward  
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20 ~~wherein the page information is printed on the back surface~~  
~~of the sheet in Y/X form, wherein X is a total number of pages in~~  
~~a print job, and Y is a page number of the printed sheet.~~

20. (Previously Presented) The method of operating the  
image forming apparatus according to claim 19, further comprising



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judging whether or not said page information and the user  
identification information are to be printed based on setting  
5 information, stored in a setting section, for setting whether or  
not to print said page information and said user identification  
information received from said network.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of operating the image  
forming apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said page  
information includes a total number of pages, and said sheet  
counter section uses ~~the~~ a number of printed sheets as the total  
5 number of pages when the application data is printed on both  
sides of the sheet.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of operating the image  
forming apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said page  
information ~~page number of the printed sheet Y~~ is prepared by  
addition in order of the discharged sheets.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of operating the image  
forming apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said page  
information ~~page number of the printed sheet Y~~ is prepared by  
subtraction from the total number of pages in order of the  
discharged sheets.

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24. (Previously Presented) The method of operating the image forming apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the page information and the identification information are printed on an edge of the sheet opposite to a sheet discharge port from which the sheet is discharged.